THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The record of establishments, which are members of CII and ASSOCHAM, is not maintained by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation separately. However, as on 31.3.2006, an amount of Rs. 2530.07 crore was outstanding from the defaulting establishments. The outstanding amount is inclusive of default in employees share.

(c) For recovery of outstanding dues, all actions as provided under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 are taken. This includes filing of complaints under Section 406/409 of IPC, launching of prosecution under Section 14 of the Act, attachment of movable/immovable property and arrest of defaulters etc.

Increase in unemployment rate

975. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has estimated that the unemployment rate for the economy as a whole shot up significantly during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employments even in the organised sector, declined between 2004 to 2006, in both the public and the private sector, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) whether any concrete programme of action has been considered by Government to provide more jobs in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As per two most recent quinquennial round of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) Reports on employment and unemployment, unemployment rate on Current Daily Status basis was estimated at 7.32% in 1999-2000 (55th round) which has gone up to 8.30% in 2004-05 (61st round).

(c) In the State of Maharashtra employment in organised sector has increased in the Private Sector whereas the employment in the Public Sector has shown declining trend between 2004 to 2005 as per latest available data. Detailed information for All India and Maharashtra is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Approach paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million new work opportunities. Additional employment opportunities in the future will be generated mainly in services and manufacturing sectors and policy initiatives need to support this. Measures would need to be taken in the 11th Plan to bost, in particular, labour intentive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear and textiles, and service sector such as tourism and construction.

Employment figures for All India and Maharashtra

	Employment as on 31st March					
	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	
Year	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
All India Total	18196.7	18006.6	8246.0	8451.8	26442.7	26458.4
Maharashtra State	2171.6	2137.6	1392.3	1403.3	3563.9	3540.9

Non-recruitment by BPO/IT companies through employment exchange

976. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether BPO, IT companies do not recruit the candidates registered with employment exchanges and recruit candidates from their own source;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to make it compulsory for all IT enabled companies to recruit candidates, at least to a given percentage, through employment exchanges;